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SUBJECT: NSF OFFICIAL VISIT (ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL FOR
COOPERATIVE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH)

1. TRAVELLERS ARE DR. EDUARDO FELLER AND MS. CHRISTINE
FRENCH, PROGRAM MANAGERS FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH WITH
LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN, DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAMS, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (USG). PURPOSE OF
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TRIP IS TO GATHER USEFUL IMPRESSIONS AND INFORMATION ABOUT
RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AT VARIOUS AND POTENTIAL INSTITUTIONS
FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COLLABORATION WITH U.S. IN
TRADITIONAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING. THEY PLAN TO VISIT
NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCILS OR APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCIENCE POLICY, PLANNING
OR SUPPORTING SCIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE, AS WELL AS UNI-

VERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS.

2. TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE:

LV D.C. 5/17 1300 PA 541
ARR GUAT. CITY 5/17 1515 " "
LV GUAT. CITY 5/21 1630 PA 541
ARR SAN JOSE, CR 5/21 1755 " "

LV SAN JOSE 5/25 1215 LR 611
ARR PORT OF SPAIN 5/26 0905 VA 980 (VIA CARACAS)
LV PORT OF SPAIN 5/31 0730 BW 400
ARR KINGSTON 5/31 1230 " "
LV KINGSTON 6/4 1335 LM 457
ARR SANTO DOMINGO 6/4 2020 EA 941 (VIA SAN JUAN P.R.)
LV SANTO DOMINGO 6/8 0935 PA 436 TO U.S.

3. ACTION: ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED FROM EMBASSIES IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS AT CERTAIN LOCAL INSTITUTIONS AS DETAILED BELOW, AND IN MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT MODERATE PRICED, STANDARD CLASS HOTELS LOCATED CLOSE TO INSTITUTIONS BEING VISITED. EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY NSF VISITORS ON ANY APPOINTMENTS OF INTEREST, HOWEVER, NO ESCORT IS NECESSARY. NO LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES ARE ANTICIPATED. PLEASE IDENTIFY CONTACT/CONTROL OFFICER IN RESPONSE, FOR FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE.
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4. GUATEMALA: INSTITUTIONS OF INTEREST IN ORDER OF PRIORITY: ICAITI, INSTITUTO GEOGRAFICO NACIONAL, UNIVERSIDAD DE SAN CARLOS, INCAP. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY IDENTIFICATION OF AND ADVICE ON VALUE OF VISIT TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, RESPONSIBLE FOR SCIENCE POLICY, NATIONAL RESEARCH PRIORITIES OR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT. NSF STAFF WOULD PLAN TO VISIT SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL ONLY IF EMBASSY JUDGES IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE OR IF PROTOCOL DICTATES.

NSF PROGRAM IS NOW SUPPORTING COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS INVOLVING SCIENTIST CARLOS ROLZ OF ICAITI, SAM BONIS OF INST. GEOGRAFICO, AND TIMOTHY FARRELL OF INCAP. HOWEVER, CONTACTS SHOULD PROPERLY BE MADE WITH THE HEADS OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS. DR. CARLOS AGUIRRE, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR (ICAITI); ING. OSCAR SALAZAR, CHIEF GEOLOGIST (INST. GEOGRAFICO). NO INDIVIDUALS ARE KNOWN AT UNIV. DE SAN CARLOS, BUT NSF WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH DEANS OF RESEARCH OR SCIENCE, AS AVAILABLE.

PLEASE MAKE APPOINTMENTS AT ABOVE INSTITUTIONS AT WHAT-

EVER TIMES ARE CONVENIENT DURING PERIOD MAY 18-19. WOULD PREFER LONGEST STAY AT ICAITI, SHORTEST AT INCAP. HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN CITY FOR NIGHTS OF MAY 17-19 WOULD BE NEEDED. SIDE TRIP WILL BE MADE SATURDAY, AND TRAVELLERS EXPECT TO STAY OUT OF TOWN.

5. COSTA RICA: NSF STAFF EXPECT ALL LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT TO BE MADE BY ITS COUNTERPART COSTA RICAN AGENCY, THE CONSEJO NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS Y TECNOLOGICAS (CONICIT). INSTITUTIONS OF INTEREST FOR SUCH APPOINTMENTS ARE CONICIT, UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA, OTS,

AND CATIE. SEVERAL COOPERATIVE PROJECTS INVOLVING JOINT NSF-CONICIT SUPPORT ARE ONGOING THERE. WOULD APPRECIATE UNCLASSIFIED

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EMBASSY CONFIRMING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS (INCLUDING HOTEL) BY CONTACTING JORGE RAMIREZ (HEAD, PROJECTS DEPT.) AT CONICIT AFTER MAY 1ST.

6. TRINIDAD: NSF HAS NO ESTABLISHED CONTACTS OR PROJECTS IN TRINIDAD, BUT HAS RECEIVED SUGGESTIONS OF POTENTIALLY WORTHWHILE CONTACTS AS FOLLOWS. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY JUDGMENT AND ASSISTANCE IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH WILLIAM DANIELS, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TECHNOLOGY IN DEVELOPMENT, AND KENNETH JULIAN (ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING) J.S. KENNEY (MARINE SCIENCE) AND S. SATCUNANATHAN (SOLAR ENERGY), ALL BELIEVED TO BE AT UNIV. OF THE WEST INDIES. ALL ARE OAS PROJECT LEADERS. ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS (PARTICULARLY A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL) RECOGNIZED BY EMBASSY AS SIGNIFICANT IN SCIENCE RESEARCH OR POLICY COULD BE ADDED TO THIS GROUP OF APPOINTMENTS AS TIME OR MERIT PERMITS.

APPOINTMENTS CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON OF MAY 26 AND ALL DAY MAY 29 AND 30. PLEASE RESERVE MODERATE PRICED HOTEL NEAR UNIVERSITY (IF APPROPRIATE) FOR NIGHTS OF MAY 26 (EARLY CHECK IN) THROUGH MAY 30.

7. JAMAICA: INSTITUTIONS OF INTEREST ARE UNIV. OF WEST INDIES, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COUNCIL, AND ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS. CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH DR. ARNOLDO VENTURA OF THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COUNCIL, WHO IS EXPECTING NSF VISIT IN EARLY JUNE. NO OTHER FIRM CONTACTS ARE KNOWN, ALTHOUGH SIR PHILIP SHERLOCK OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITIES VISITED NSF LAST YEAR AND RECEIVED INFORMATION ON ITS COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS.

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WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY JUDGMENT AND ASSISTANCE IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS AT UNIVERSITY AND THOSE NAMED ABOVE, PLUS OTHERS RECOGNIZED BY EMBASSY AS SIGNIFICANT IN THE JAMAICAN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT. APPOINTMENTS CAN BE SCHEDULED ALL DAY JUNE 1 AND 2, AND POSSIBLY LATE AFTERNOON OF MAY 31.

PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATION FOR NIGHTS OF MAY 31 THROUGH JUNE 3 AT MODERATELY PRICED, CONVENIENT HOTEL.

8. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: INSTITUTIONS OF PRIMARY INTEREST ARE INTEC, INDOTEC AND THE UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA MADRE Y MAESTRA (UCMM) IN SANTIAGO. NSF IS SUPPORTING A COOPERATIVE GEOLOGY PROJECT AT UCMM INVOLVING ING. NELSON GIL GIL, DR. GASTON LANZO AND DR. G. MILLAR OF THE GEOLOGY DEPT., AND ING. IVAN TAVARES OF THE DEPT. OF GEOLOGY OF THE MUSEO NACIONAL DE HISTORIA NATURAL. RECTOR OF UCMM, AGRIPINO NUNEZ, HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN POSSIBLE NSF STAFF VISIT. CONTACT HAS ALSO BEEN MADE WITH DR. LATORRE RECTOR OF INTEC DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S.

WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH NAMED INDIVIDUALS AT THE ABOVE INSTITUTIONS PLUS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING OR MANAGEMENT OF SCIENCE SUCH AS DIRECTOR OF INDOTEC, DR. ALFONSO GUTIERREZ AND DR. RAFAEL GONZALEZ MASSENET, ASESOR CIENTIFICO DEL PODER EJECUTIVO. NSF STAFF WOULD EXPECT/PREFER TO FLY ROUNDTRIP TO SANTIAGO ON TUESDAY, JUNE 6 SO OTHER APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR JUNE 5 AND 7. PLEASE RESERVE TWO SINGLE ROOMS AT MODERATE PRICED HOTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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